

Newcastle July 11<sup>th</sup> 1778.

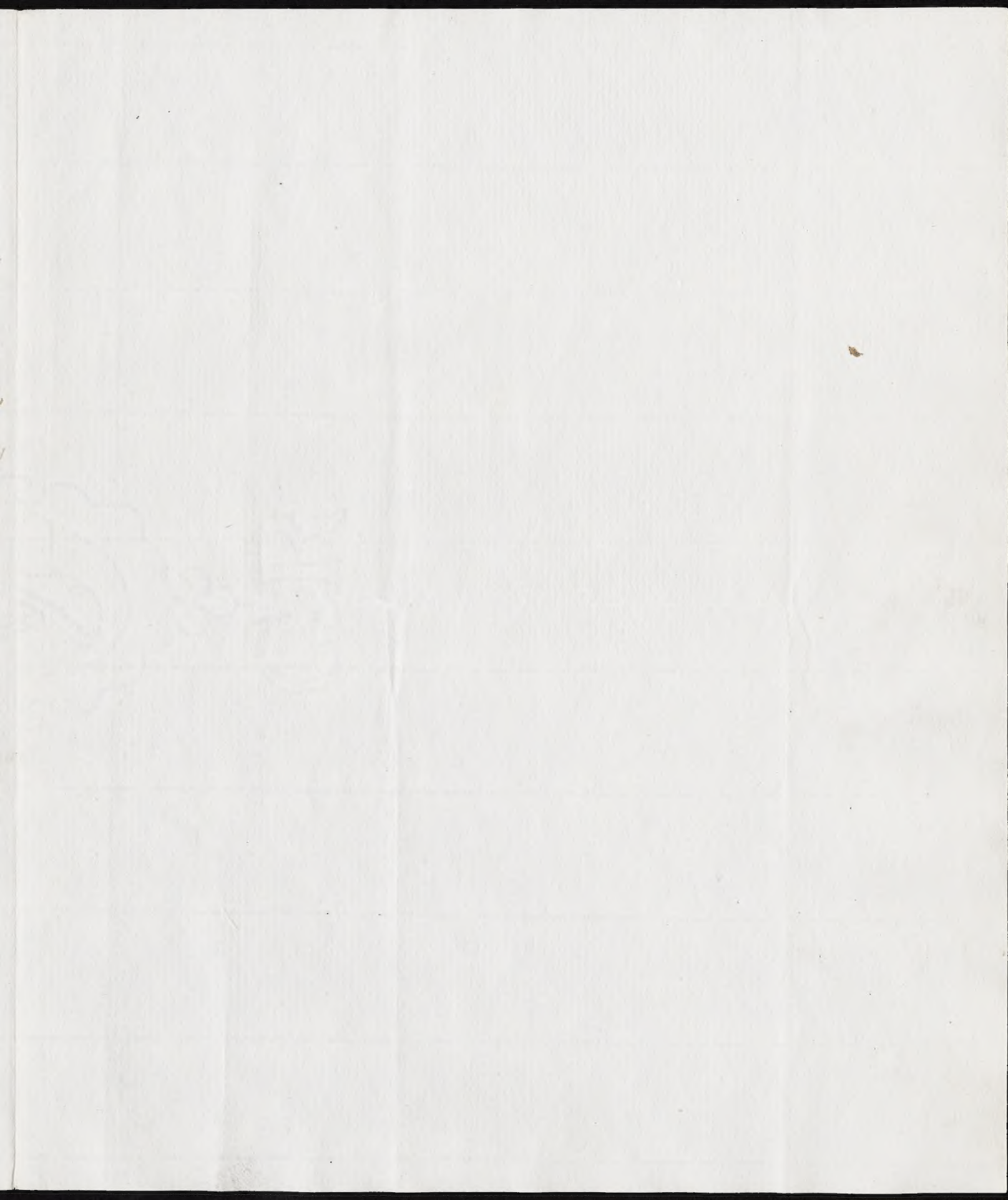
Dear Sir.

You must excuse my not writing  
to you sooner for I really have scarce one half hour  
in the week for to myself. They leave to inform you  
how many thanks for your two Letters of the 25<sup>th</sup> of  
last month & the 6<sup>th</sup> of this; As well as for the Interest  
you take in whatever concerns me. I find my Friend  
of the Morning Post, is remarkably good to me; for he  
as soon as announces my having got rid of our Wife,  
but he is so obliging as to spare the Publick that I  
am looking out for another, who tho' not of a very  
distinguished Family, is nevertheless very beautiful & with a  
large Fortune. This last I expected that for North  
worth, & I am not quite sure whether I have not almost  
had enough of a very distinguished Family. However  
with your R<sup>d</sup> Robert's Leave, I shall take a little  
more time on this Business, than he thinks proper to



allow me. The Old Proverb of "the burnt Child I trust he  
live", is a very just one, & I fear I shall be pretty cautious  
how I engage again. I am very well & happy in my present  
situation, & unless I can find a second duty, I suppose  
I don't think I shall be easily tempted. I hope we shall  
soon have the pleasure to see you in the North, at least  
on report which almost all I must expect. My very  
best respects to Mr. Perry & the rest of your family  
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Yours most sincerely  
Percy



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